

## EXPECT A BATTLE

American Rescue Troops Are Approaching Villa Ahumada.

Where Large Force of Mexicans Is Guarding Prisoners.

## GEN. BELL MAY CROSS BORDER

U. S. Forces Move Toward River to Enter Juarez.

Mexicans Won't Leave; Typhus Reported Breaking Out.

By H. H. STANSBURY.  
El Paso, Texas, June 24.—General Bell and the military authorities here are momentarily expecting a report of another battle between United States troops and Mexican forces at Villa Ahumada. Definite information that the 4,000 Carranza troops with artillery from Juarez have retreated at the nearest point to the Carranza battlefield has been received.



General Bell.

The Mexican troops were under orders to be prepared for immediate fighting. Although intended as reinforcements for the army already in that vicinity, they disappeared from the railroad in battle formation.

General Trevino, who is directing the operations of the Mexican army from Chihuahua City, has served notice in unmistakable language that his commanders will attack without notice any force that disobeys the American line of communications. Two squadrons of the Eleventh cavalry sent to the relief of the remnant band of Troops C and K, Tenth cavalry, should have reached Carrizal at daybreak.

May Suez Mexican Railroads.  
Orders are expected here by General Bell to cross the Rio Grande, occupy Juarez and take possession of the Mexican Central and Northwestern railroads. In preparation for this step, a general movement of the brigade at Fort Bliss was started. Artillerymen are standing by the big 4.7 guns, which have been mounted on the mesa back of El Paso for three days.

The march toward the river is being made in a phased formation. The infantry, cavalry and mountain artillery is spread in such a manner that simultaneous crossings will be made at a dozen points, below, opposite and above El Paso if the order comes.

When the Mexican officials in Juarez learned of the military activity on the American side, General Gage called the correspondents to the middle of the international bridge and issued this statement:

Will Not Leave Juarez.  
"We have reports from Fort Bliss that the American military authorities expect to occupy Juarez. The military activity certainly indicates this must be true. We have no intention of evacuating."

"If General Bell's troops attempt to occupy the town there will be a fight. Such an occurrence is to be regretted but we will not tolerate the occupation of Mexican soil under these conditions without making an effort to repel the invaders."

"It is true we have sent away the greater part of our military force, but the Americans will face a civilian army that is not afraid to fight."

At 6 p. m. the Mexican civilians who have been armed, headed by the regular garrison force under the leadership of Gen. Francisco Gonzales, was assembling in all streets of Juarez to lead to the two international bridges.

Fear Typhus Epidemic.  
Typhus, as grim of visage as war, looking up almost to the sky, has been expected as a result of the abandonment by the de facto government of all supervision of public health along the Mexican side.

Reports are coming in from many border towns that persons, untended in medical science and left helpless by their country, are being mired and rapid prey to the dread malady. In Juarez, twelve cases have been reported.

The American government has taken official cognizance of the situation and has dispatched Doctor Lloyd, surgeon of the public health service, to El Paso in an effort to prevent a typhus epidemic. Doctor Lloyd was expected to arrive here today. He will be in complete charge of the entire border, directing the fight from this city.

Dr. John W. Tappan, who represents the government's department of health here, received a message from Washington, ordering him, if necessary, to establish a health inspection bureau at the international bridge to prevent the spread of the disease.

## OHIO PREACHER VOLUNTEERS TO FIGHT OR PRAY

Washington, June 24.—A minister of the gospel who will either fight or pray, in whichever capacity he is most needed in time of war, has offered his services to Major Gen. George Barnett, commander of the United States marine corps. He is the Rev. Ferdinand F. Schultz, pastor of the Church of Christ Disciples, Chillicothe, Ohio—a practical engineer as well as minister.

In offering his services the Rev. Schultz expressed willingness to serve in the firestorm of a battleship, or as chaplain of marines in the field.

The patriotic and versatile Ohio pastor is 57 years of age, but says he is hale and hearty and ready to respond to a call to serve "Old Glory" at any time.

## HALT STEAM ROLL

Germans Pressing Russians Back Berlin Claims.

Russian Right Wing Sweeps on Across Galicia.

Berlin, June 24.—The German counter-attack against the Russians under General Brusiloff in Volhynia has now developed over a front of eighty miles, extending from Kolki on the Styx river almost to the Galician frontier.

General von Linsingen's forces have enveloped the Russians, who here have driven a big bend into the Austro-German lines in front and on both flanks, and now, according to all reports reaching here, are slowly but surely pressing the Russians back all along the line in the general direction of Lutsk.

Although considerably reinforced, von Linsingen is confronted here by highly superior numbers, which, however, have been unable to check his counter attack and start the Russian steam roller again in the direction of Kovel and Vladimir Volynsk. The Russian losses here are described as enormous. Russian officers time and again led their men in desperate but fruitless charges against the German lines. The country covered by these engagements is extremely difficult, impeded by woods and swamps, and much of the fighting has been at close quarters.

Austrians Fail to Join Forces.  
Petrograd, June 24.—The right wing of the Russian army, sweeping through Bukovina, has crossed the Galician frontier, capturing the important town of Kruty.

The Austrians evacuated Kruty, a city of about 10,000 inhabitants, immediately after the capture of Visnitz, across the river, by a strong Russian detachment. It was toward Kruty that a part of General Planzer's demoralized army fled in the retreat from Czernowitz, hoping to form a junction with the main Austrian army in Galicia.

More than two-thirds of the Austrian army, it is now believed, is now in the hands of the Russians. All the agricultural sections of the rich provinces are now behind the Russian lines.

## IS U-BOAT A WARSHIP?

German Submarine's Call on Spain Creates Complicated Question.

Madrid, June 24.—El Liberal declares that the visit of a German submarine to Cartagena two days ago raised a new point of international law. Germany has claimed, it says, that submarines are not subject to existing rules, having been invented since they were framed. If this view is accepted, El Liberal contends a submarine should not be entitled to the right of an ordinary warship to enter neutral port provided it departs within twenty-four hours.

The newspaper takes the view that the submarine was sent to Cartagena for the purpose of making a test trip and that the experiment having succeeded they will be other visits of this nature. On this account, it contends, it is indispensable that the Spanish government make known clearly whether it considers a submarine entitled to the treatment accorded to an ordinary warship.

In well informed quarters it is believed the submarine brought important documents which the German government did not wish to trust to the ordinary modes of transportation. It is also asserted that the interned German ship, the Roon, which the submarine drew up on entering the harbor, pumped a supply of gasoline into the German submarine.

## TO LET HUGHES RUN IT

Roosevelt Will Assume No Responsibility in Republican Campaign.

New York, June 24.—Colonel Roosevelt will decline to be in any way responsible for the conduct of the Hughes campaign.

Loyally support the Republican nominee, the colonel will insist that Hughes and his associates shall name their own national chairman and the managers and run the canvass as if he were out of it.

Colonel Roosevelt has perfected and sent to the printer his letter to Progressive national committee reaffirming his refusal of the presidential nomination and advocating cordial support of Hughes. Its points are practically identical with the forecast already printed except that "kind words" for Fairbanks have been eliminated. The colonel concluded that he would let the Progressives run John M. Parker for vice president if they wish.

Associates of Roosevelt declared that his message to the committee does not mean he will return irrevocably to the Republican party. That will depend upon events.

An Italian electrician claims to have invented a method for sending pictures by wire in their natural colors.

Cost of government meat inspection is said to amount to 4 cents per capita annually.

## STATE'S BIG BILLS

Six Months' Supplies for Institutions Will Cost \$265,556.19.

Of Amount, \$164,153.92 Goes to Big State Charities.

## GROCERY BILLS ARE LARGEST

Meat and Dry Goods Second and Third on List.

Figures Announced by Senator J. W. Howe Today.

Supplies for state institutions under the state board of control, board of managers, board of corrections and board of administration, will cost \$265,556.19 for the six months period ending December 31. Those were the figures announced today by Senator J. W. Howe, chairman of the board of control, following the semi-annual letting this week in Topeka.

Of the entire purchases, \$164,153.92 of the state's expenditures for the board of control for the big state charities. Groceries were the big item on the list, with meat and dry goods second, and clothing third. Flour to be used by the state in the next six months will cost nearly \$2.60 a hundred pounds, or \$27,879.81 for the half year.

State charitable institutions will use \$29,327.46 worth of dry goods between June 30 and December 31. The state's dry goods bill for the period will total \$57,386.24.

Groceries for the state will cost \$35,715.51. Of this amount, \$25,238.32 worth of the grocery items will go to institutions under the management of the board of control.

Meat and butterline will be the next six months cost the state \$85,946.98. Of the total, the board of control purchased \$55,940.61. The state will use \$28,000 pounds of beef, 24,800 pounds of hog lard, 39,300 pounds of lard, 33,100 pounds of bacon, 35,100 pounds of lard and 75,800 pounds of butter in the next six months. The \$22,876.51 spent for flour calls for delivery of 525,000 pounds of flour to various state institutions.

Hardware will cost \$1,374.59, of which \$1,012.22 was spent by state charities. Of the \$1,309.02 spent for stationery, \$387.07 will be used by state charities. The glassware and crockery bill for six months amounts to \$1,242.94. Of this amount the board of corrections made purchases amounting to \$1,192.89, while other state institutions purchased to the amount of \$50.05.

Including in the letting this month were 525 articles, there were 77 bidders before the board.

## RAISE NAVAL BILL

Eight Ships Would Be Built by United States

Immediately Under Proposed New Measure in Senate.

Washington, June 24.—The senate naval affairs subcommittee has increased its recommendations so as to provide for the immediate construction of eight capital ships, four to be dreadnaughts of the Pennsylvania type and four to be battle cruisers.

The personnel of the navy is recommended to be increased by 20,700. This will provide a total of 74,700, the president being given authority in the bill to further increase the number to 87,000.

The five-year program recommended by the subcommittee also recommended the immediate construction of one river gunboat, to cost \$850,000 exclusive of armor and armament.

The adoption of the five-year building program over the general board of the navy is recommended by the subcommittee. The five-year program and the increase in the building program for the first year as thus recommended by the subcommittee follows:

Five Years	This Year
Ten dreadnaughts	4
Six battle cruisers	4
Two scout cruisers	4
Twenty destroyers	10
Five fleet submarines	9
Fifty-eight coast submarines	27
Three oil tank ships	1
One repair ship	0
One transport ship	0
One hospital ship	0
Two destroyer tenders	1
One fleet submarine	1
Two ammunition ships	1
Two gunboats	1

For the first year's construction, the general board recommended only three battleships instead of the four authorized by the committee. The committee also recommended twenty-seven submarines instead of twenty, as suggested by the general board. The amount to be appropriated for armament was fixed at \$13,873,500, as compared with \$11,245,925 provided by the house.

## RE-ELECT MRS. TAYLOR

Pittsburg Woman Again Heads Women's Missionary Society.

Mrs. J. L. Taylor of Pittsburg, was re-elected president for the Kansas conference of the Women's Home Missionary society in the concluding session of the three days' conference of home missions held in Lowman Memorial church. Other officers are: Mrs. H. A. Church of Baldwin, first vice president; Mrs. John Endicott of Junction City, second vice president; Mrs. J. L. McCoy of Coffeyville, treasurer; Mrs. Flora Bechtel of Lawrence, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. W. E. Wilson of Chanute, recording secretary.

The following new departmental secretaries were elected: Queen Esther department, Mrs. Jennie Smethurst, Manhattan; home guards and mothers' jewels, Mrs. Charles Frye, Kansas City, Kan.; supplies, Mrs. Florence Shirley, Grantville; mite box, Mrs. B. P. Sweet, Manhattan; temperance, Mrs. P. Budd, Basehor; publication, Mrs. T. C. Walker, Topeka; training school manager, Mrs. E. W. Squires, Pittsburg; and stewardship, Mrs. S. Stanton, Topeka.

The main topic of discussion in Friday evening's meeting was the institution of home missionary work among the foreigners employed in the mines in Pittsburg.

## FOREIGN NATIONS CONTROL OUTPUT OF MACHINE GUNS

Chicago, June 24.—Chicago business men who raised \$25,000 for the purchase of twenty machine guns for the use of the regiments of the Illinois National Guard have abandoned the plan and returned the money to the donors, it was announced today. It was said that European countries controlled practically the entire output of American machine gun factories. J. Ogden Armour and Charles G. Dawes were among those who organized the movement.

## TO FINANCE WAR

Many Look for a New Government Bond Issue.

Mexico the Sole Topic of Discussion on Wall Street.

New York, June 24.—Mexico formed almost the sole subject of discussion in Wall Street this week. Among bankers there was some conjecture respecting a possible government bond issue to meet expenses connected with the mobilization of troops and maintenance of border patrol. It was stated by competent authorities that pending negotiations with British and French interests for new loans or credits will be carried to a satisfactory conclusion, regardless of home requirements.

In the stock market, prices suffered a very irregular downward revision, especially in certain of the more speculative issues. Heavy declines in shares of the United States Industrial Alcohol, Tennessee Copper, and some of the other metals and specialties were due to specific causes, notably in the case of Tennessee Copper, whose directors ordered a suspension of dividend disbursements.

## RAIL ORDERS

Rails of the better class, together with United States and other stocks of recognized merit, yielded only nominally. Railroad earnings continue to show satisfactory gains over the corresponding period of recent years, and although domestic demand for iron and steel is generally below the high pressure of the early months of the year, most mills are well booked with orders running into 1917.

The success of the Russian movement in rubber was a clear case of exchange rates to the countries of the Central powers with improvement in rubber prices. The market was altered from its lower rates of last month, despite the steady accession of British gold from Canada, which now exceeds \$75,000,000 with no signs of abatement.

## SEND GOLD TO CANADA

Medicines to Remove Money From U. S.—Make Bankers Sweep Streets.

El Paso, Tex., June 24.—Luis Cabrera, Mexican minister of finance, has ordered all funds of the Mexican de facto government, amounting to \$5,000,000 in gold on deposit in New York, to be sent to Canada, it was learned here.

Cabrera and General Obregon are working together and they may seize the government of Mexico. The arrests of foreign bankers and business men are being made in Mexico City and those arrested are being imprisoned. Some, it is reported, are made to clean the streets.

Carranza representatives in Argentina are reported to have a deal on with German agents in Brazil by which a cargo of arms stored there by Germans in 1911 is to be purchased for shipment to Mexico. An attempt will be made to ship the arms to Yucatan.

## NOT LOYAL TO CHIEF

Mexican Says Thousands Would Uphold Overthrow of Carranza.

El Paso, June 24.—Whether or not all fastions in Mexico would be drawn together by American intervention depends entirely on whether action by the United States was directed at the Carranza government alone or at conquering and acquiring Mexican territory, according to Gen. Felipe Angeles, a refugee from Mexico, living in El Paso.

If the United States intervenes in Mexico simply to put an end to Carranza rule, then the thousands upon thousands of Mexicans in the United States will not be attracted by the first chief's call for a united people against "a common enemy," declared General Angeles today.

"But," he continued, "if the United States should intervene with a view to conquest and fight the people of Mexico as a nation, all the refugees in the United States would return to resist the invasion."

## FIRED ACROSS RIVER

Bell Threatens Juarez if Attack by Mexicans Is Repeated.

El Paso, Tex., June 24.—Mexican snipers fired several shots across the Rio Grande at the Santa Fe bridge at 9 o'clock. There were no casualties. A battalion of infantry was rushed to the American end of the bridge as reinforcements for the regular patrol, and General Bell sent word to General Gonzales if the offense was repeated he would take the town.

## MOTHER GRAY'S POWDERS BENEFIT MANY CHILDREN

Thousands of mothers have found Mother Gray's Sweet Powders an excellent remedy for children complaining of headache, cold, feverishness, stomach troubles and other ailments. The medicine is pleasant to take and regulates the bowels. Children find this remedy easy and pleasant to take. Used by mothers for years. Sold by druggists everywhere, 25 cents advertisement.

## IN NORTH TOPEKA

Baptist Church Choir Sings "Queen Esther" Again.

Masons Will Attend Church of the Good Shepherd.

A large audience attended the presentation of the cantata, "Queen Esther," in the auditorium of the Topeka high school by the Baptist church choir. It was the second presentation of the play by members of the cast, and was received with more enthusiasm than at the first. The solo parts were taken by Miss Florence Rowe, as Queen Esther; Ralph Lyon, as Haman; Paul Van Ness, as Ahasuerus; Dean Van Ness, as Mordecai; Miss Leslie Monceiss, as the Prophetess; Miss Eleanor Caldwell, as Velech. The choir numbers seventy-five.

Entertainment Near Kiro.  
Members of Pleasant Ridge grange have planned for a free entertainment which will be given in the grange hall, one mile north of Kiro, this evening. The booster club of the grange will present a musical and literary program. F. Tasker will give a short address.

At the Churches.  
Services will be held tomorrow at 11 o'clock in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 200 E. 10th street. The choir will sing "The Nativity of St. John the Baptist." Mr. Petrie, the pastor, will deliver the sermon. Order of services follows: Processional hymn, "Hail to the Chief," (Barnes); hymn, "The Heavenly King Shall Come," (H. J. Gauntlett); sermon; offertory, "Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit," presentation; recessional hymn, "Stand Up for Jesus" (Webb). The hour for evensong will be at 6 o'clock.

At the North Topeka Baptist church, Rev. G. H. Handley, pastor: 8:30, Sunday school; 11, preaching service; 7 Senior and Junior church; 8, people's prayer and popular services, subject, "Like Friend, Like People."

Notes and Personal.  
Mrs. C. R. Houtchens has returned to her home in Manhattan after spending the week with friends.

Glen Pollum, for the past year a teacher in the Sunbeam school, near Meriden, will leave the early part of the week for New York city where he will attend the National Education association convention being held in that city.

J. H. Anderson left Friday for Princeton, Kan., where he is pastor of the First Christian church. Mr. Anderson, with his family, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Marlette of 1405 Quincy. Mrs. Anderson and the children will join him later.

J. C. Snodder and family have returned from Kansas City and Blue Springs, where they drove in their auto. Mr. George Hahn of Kansas City accompanied them home.

The Topeka Tack Hat Embroidery club will meet next Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. F. J. Ross of 1271 Harrison street.

E. Wolvaren and family of Elmont, were in North Topeka today on a business trip.

S. H. Mize and Mrs. Mize from Bonanza, will arrive Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mize and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Orr.

A. V. Lindell and Mrs. Lindell will spend Sunday in Geary city, visiting Mrs. Lindell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Johnson.

The auditing committee of the Deacons of the lodge No. 26 was entertained Thursday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kaser, 807 Van Buren street.

Margaret Burton, of the Indianapolis neighborhood died, Thursday evening at her home. She was 97 years of age. Two sons, D. L. and Adelbert, are the only relatives who survive her. The funeral announcements will be made later.

A. M. Petro, Druggist.—Adv.  
The Nees club of the D. of H. met with Mrs. M. G. Lane, Luncheon was served. The members adjourned to meet with Mrs. Allie Hurst the first Tuesday in September.

## WOMEN LEAVE JUAREZ

General Gonzales Prepares for Battle With General Bell's Forces.

El Paso, Tex., June 24.—All women and children have been ordered out of Juarez by Gen. Francisco Gonzales, the garrison commander, in anticipation of a fight with General Bell's forces. The movement has already started.

Many of the women have endeavored to cross to the American side, but only those who are known to the immigration authorities are allowed to pass. The greatest exodus is in the direction of the hills in the rear of the Mexican town.

## ORDERED 14 MACHINES

War Department Will Send Airships to the Border at Once.

Washington, June 24.—The war department has ordered fourteen high powered aeroplanes in pursuance of its plan to establish a aerial patrol of the Mexican border. The machines with all spare parts will cost approximately \$275,000. They are to be supplied by the Sturtevant company of Boston, the Thomas company of Ithaca, the Curtiss company of Buffalo, the L. W. F. company of Long Island City, and the Martin company of California.

The fourteen aeroplanes will be dispatched at once to the border.

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## DEATHS AND FUNERALS

MARGARET ALVIRA BUTTON, age 87, died last night at the home of her son, Albert Button, two and one-half miles northwest of the Industrial school. The funeral will be held at 3:30 o'clock Sunday at the home. Interment in Rochester cemetery.

JAMES H. HAYSILIP died at 5 o'clock this morning at his home, 203 Oakland avenue. Arrangements for the funeral will be made later.

ROBERT WOOD died last evening at his home, 529 Jefferson street. The body will be taken to Wamego and the funeral will be held there Sunday.

W. B. TROWBRIDGE, age 63, 725 Horne street, died last night at a local hospital. He is survived by a wife, one son, C. R. Trowbridge, El Paso, Tex.; a brother, Irving Trowbridge, of Topeka, and one sister, Mrs. F. D. Way, Atlantic City, N. J. The funeral will be held at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home, and will be in charge of the Odd Fellows. Interment in Topeka cemetery.

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## HEARD AT HIGH SCHOOL

Addresses and Entertainments During the Past School Year.

Lectures and entertainments ranging all the way from Shakespeare plays to lectures on how to farm were heard by the high school students during the school year just closed, according to the report just made by the assembly committee.

The committee report gives the following list of speakers and entertainments on last year's "High School Free Chautauque Course."

Assembly Addresses.  
President Thomas W. Butcher, president Kansas State Normal, Emporia, Kan.

President H. J. Waters, president Kansas Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kan.

Superintendent H. B. Wilson, public schools, Topeka.

Mr. W. H. Greider, teacher Topeka high school.

Dr. Winfield Hall, writer and lecturer, Chicago.

Hon. Henry P. Mason, justice of supreme court, Topeka.

Dr. E. B. Cumberly, Leland Stanford university, Berkeley, Cal.

Hon. Charles M. Sheldon, minister, lecturer and writer, Topeka.

Hon. Thomas McNeal, editor Mail and Breze, Topeka.

Mr. Charles Titus, secretary Y. M. C. A., Oakland, Cal.

Mr. Hampton Steele, newspaper reporter, Topeka.